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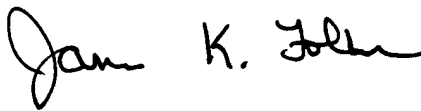
As a preliminary matter, Applicants would like to point out that Claims 39-43 were cancelled, without prejudice, in the Preliminary Amendment filed on September 11, 2003.

As mentioned above, Applicants have elect Species of Figures 16 through 35C (Claims 24-38, 73 and 74) without traverse.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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